

WHAT'S UP, DACH?

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HOT News

Change of Command July 2

Col. Donald J. Kasperik will relinquish command to Col. Bernard DeKoning July 2 at 9 a.m. at Sadowski Field.

Col. Kasperik is retiring after 26 years of service. Col. DeKoning comes to us from the U. S. Army Training and Doctrine Command where he was the command surgeon.

MEDDAC Happenings

Medical Logistics Support Web Page Now Uses Army Knowledge Online

Effective June 21, access to the Medical Logistics Support (MLS) web portal will be possible only by using your AKO login and password.

Please enter your AKO username and password at the Medical Logistics Support web portal (www.medlogspt.army.mil) and you'll be taken to the MLS site. If you are already logged in to the AKO and your session is still active you'll be able to access the MLS web portal without having to enter your username and password again.

If you have any questions you can call Michael Yarbrough at (210) 221-7173 or DSN 471-7173 or via email at Michael.Yarbrough@cen.amedd.army.mil or call 288-8808.

Commander's Corner



Darnall Staff,

On July 2, I will turn over command of this hospital and retire to Tampa, Fla. I just want to thank all of you for your hard work and dedication to making this organization Number One in the eyes of our community.

We have been through some challenging times in the two years I've been in command. Sept. 11, 2001 changed our world forever and only recently we saw many of our staff members and loved ones deploy to Iraq. You did a tremendous job taking care of our soldiers and making sure they were ready to deploy, and you are continuing to do an excellent job of taking care of those families with loved ones overseas.

We've also seen many changes since I've been here. We've opened new services and facilities in an effort to provide the quality health care our beneficiaries deserve. You have embraced these changes. We have made change happen for the better-for the staff members and for the community.

Our reputation is building in the community. It feels good to hear patients say the care they received here was the best they've ever received. Keep building on that reputation with your dedication to service.

Col. Ben DeKoning will be your new commander. I worked with him at Fort Stewart. He's a great officer and he is anxious to be here and to be your commander. I told him what a great job it is and he'll do great things by you. Receive him well.

This is the best command I've had and one that will give me great memories in retirement. Good luck to all of you. Hooah!

Col. Donald J. Kasperik

Training Opportunities

TAPES Training

Total Army Performance Evaluation System training is scheduled for July 10 from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Distance Learning Center on West Fort Hood.

To register for the class, please contact Carolyn Williams at 286-7240.

Patient Safety Lecture

The next Patient Safety Lecture is scheduled for July 14 from 12-1 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. The topic for July's lecture is "A Primer on Medical Malpractice."

For more information, please call Jennie King at 286-7907.

Mandatory Ethics Training

Mandatory ethics training for new Army civilians is scheduled for July 15 from 8 to 9:30 a.m. in the Soldier Development Center, building 33009, room G106.

To register for this class, please call Carolyn Williams at 286-7240.

Officer Professional Development

OPD is scheduled for July 16 at 7 a.m. and 5 p.m. in the hospital auditorium. The topic is, "Using Full Range Leadership Theory at DACH," presented by Maj. Greg Kidwell. For more information on OPD requirements, please contact DRETS Education at 286-7332.

Safety and the Manager Class

The next Safety and the Manager Class is scheduled for July 23 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in building 36001, room 158.

This class is mandatory for all supervisors.

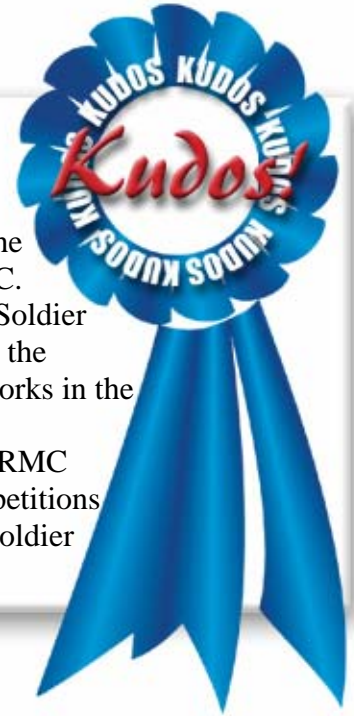
To register, please call the Safety Office at 288-8477.

Kudos to MEDDAC NCO and Soldier of the Year

Sgt. Jeremy Koontz was named Soldier of the Year. He currently the Lab's Microbiology Section NCOIC.

Sgt. Keith Lassandro was named Soldier of the Year. He recently worked in the Physical Therapy Clinic, but now works in the Command Sgt. Major's office.

Both soldiers competed in the GPRMC NCO and Soldier of the Year Competitions where Sgt. Lassandro was named Soldier of the Year. Congratulations!



Did You Know?

Next Equipment (CEEP) PBAC

The next equipment PBAC is scheduled for on July 7 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the COD conference room.

Items on the CEEP list will be prioritized as to need and justification. Please have a knowledgeable representative at the meeting to represent your best interests. This will be the last CEEP PBAC this fiscal year.

Hand receipt holders and equipment managers should submit their completed packets as soon as possible so the committee can prioritize the requirements. Packets must be completed by July 7 in order for it to be considered for acquisition this fiscal year.

For further information please contact Sue Wall at 288-8799

Extended IMD Help Desk Hours

The Computer Help Desk is now open at 6:30 a.m. Monday through Friday for work orders, password changes and unlocking of network accounts. This is a trial program to gauge the need for extended hours. The Computer Help Desk will continue to be open for all services throughout lunch and will close at 4:30 p.m.

For more information, please call the Help Desk at 288-8555.

More News

Local Forms Approval Process

In accordance with AR 25-30, Chapter 4, any form used by a local command must be approved. Several unauthorized forms are being used throughout the MEDDAC. This is in violation of AR 25-30.

Para 4-1,a, (3) reads: *Agency, command, and local forms.* When requesting approval of an agency, command, or local form, submit one copy of the proposed form, an original of completed DD Form 67, and one copy of the prescribing publication, if necessary, to the designated functional manager having jurisdiction over the form.

Para 4-1,b reads: *Requirements for all forms.* Army-wide forms or agency or command forms will not be approved for printing, reproduction, or electronic distribution unless their use is prescribed by a DA, agency or command publication.

Contact Judy Tyler at 288-8009 for more information.

Have a Safe Holiday Weekend

Please remember to be safe as you are celebrating Independence Day next weekend.

JCAHO Journal

As members of the health care team, we have all heard the saying “if it wasn’t documented, it wasn’t done.” One area where this is a problem is patient and family education. We are all good at taking advantage of a “teachable moment” with our patients, but we don’t always document the encounter completely.

Proper documentation of patient and family education involves several steps. First, we must assess (and document) any special learning needs, or barriers present. Education must be tailored to each individual patient’s abilities and needs. Second, the encounter itself must be documented. Third, the patient’s response or understanding of the education provided must be documented.

At Darnall, we have a great form for all these steps: DA 4700 FH MDA OP 134a, Patient/Family Teaching Form. There is an area on the form to document everything required; forms can also be overprinted to suit the needs of each individual department/clinic. Check it out today, and remember, don’t let that “teachable moment” go to waste! For more information, please call Sally Wroblewski at 286-7805.

Sleep Studies Now Available for TRICARE Beneficiaries

The five-bed sleep lab center has been completed. This is a collaborative agreement between DACH and the Veteran’s Administration.

The VA/DoD Sleep Disorder Center of Central Texas is located at the VA hospital in Temple, Texas. All TRICARE beneficiaries are eligible to be studied as space permits.

Pediatric patients under 18 years of age will not be studied at this sleep center.

To schedule a sleep study, any provider can enter the request through CHCS as a consult to Supplemental Care. The patient will be scheduled, given a questionnaire packet and mailed instructions by the VA staff with specific information where to go and what to bring.

Results will be faxed back to the provider with recommendations when appropriate (please include fax number).

If Continuous Positive Airway Pressure treatment is indicated, a physician must place the order and do a follow-up review within 60 days to meet reimbursement criteria to purchase the machine.

The reviewing sleep physician will recommend mask size and CPAP pressure.

For more information, please contact Lt. Col. Jim Curlee, co-director VA/DoD Sleep Disorder Center at 288-8952.